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Hideki Iwata et al.

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For: SLIDING COMPOSITION AND SLIDING
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment, filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination, also serves as a full and timely response to the Final Office Action dated June 16, 2006. A request for a 1 Month Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith. Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.